

WORKED HARD FOR SUCCESS.

French Statesman Deserves Honors He Seems Sure Of.

M. Doumer, France's "coming man," who may be the next premier, and who at the present moment is the leader in the race for the presidency of the republic, is a remarkable figure. The son of working people, who could afford to give him only an elementary education, and who brought him up to the trade of a working locksmith, it was not easy for him to fill up the vacant educational gaps. But he did it by dint of privation and hard work, part of the money he earned as a workman going to pay for his books and instruction. Thanks to pluck, he eventually succeeded, and thereupon abandoned his trade as a locksmith and became a journalist. He wrote for some time with great success for the *Progres de St. Quentin*, a local paper, and his talent as a journalist was his first steppingstone to fame. Paris followed and he became editor of the *Voltaire*, and shortly after entered political life.

The American Eagle to the Rescue.

A. L. M. Gottschalk, the American consul at Guayaquil, Ecuador, tells a good story about the difficulties he has had to keep a monkey on the consulate premises because of the depredations of the boa constrictors. The big reptiles have a failing for monkeys, and these agile little pets must keep a constant lookout for them. If Jocko drops into a doze he is likely to "wake up dead."

On the occasion with which the story deals a monkey's life was saved by the picture of the American eagle. The consulate sign all over the world is a fine reproduction of the king of birds, in full color, and with outspread wings. A new sign had just been received and was waiting on a chair inside the room. A big boa constrictor chased the house monkey across the yard and through the open window. Jocko was making a good race, but a losing one. He was in the corner quaking with fear, and very near to death's door, when his pursuer confronted the picture of the eagle in its menacing attitude. A snake fears eagles even more than it craves monkeys, and that particular reptile turned tail and went out of the window as quickly as if the devil was after it. That monkey was a smart monkey, and now, whenever it wants to take a nap, it goes to roost over the picture of the eagle.—*Mexican Herald*.

TWO MINDS, ONE THOUGHT.

All the Circumstances Seemed to Point to a Single Conclusion.

They sat together on the sofa, watching the dying embers. They had been silent for some time. He moved uneasily. It was apparent that something was on his mind. He looked at her furtively. She was a beautiful girl. He determined at last to make the plunge and turned his face resolutely toward hers.

"Dear," he said, "I am going to ask you a question that I have never asked before. I hope it will not shock you. You will notice by a glance at the clock that it is nearly midnight. There is not a sound in the house, and it is evident that your father and mother have both gone to bed. There is no one else to disturb us. All is serene. The gas overhead is turned down to the right point, and these embers shed just the correct glow. A soft, sentimental feeling that I have not been able to overcome has begun to steal over me. I hope it has over you. Now, what I want to ask you is this: Considering all the circumstances I have mentioned, do you think it would be quite proper for me to kiss you?"

The beautiful creature at his side turned impulsively and laid a delicate hand on his arm.

"Do you want to know what I really think?" she said, earnestly.

"Yes."

"Then, considering everything, I don't think it would be proper for you not to kiss me."—*Town Topics*.

NEGROES AND THE DEMOCRACY

(Continued from editorial page.)

granting of the suffrage to them after slavery was abolished and which has taken the suffrage away from them since.

The failure of the Senate to confirm the nomination of Crum as collector of the port at Charleston is the avowed reason for the threatened secession of the Negroes from the Republican party. Do the bolters know who prevented confirmation? Their leaders do but their dupes may not. It was the Democrats' open opposition to Crum and their threats to filibuster against it and defeat adjournment which compelled the Republicans of the Senate to postpone action on the case until the session next winter. Confirmation is certain to take place then. One of the bolters says the Republican party has refused to do the black men "justice." This, of course, is all sham. What sort of justice do they get from the Tilmans and Vardamans, with whom they are going to ally themselves? Does the South Carolina and the Mississippi Negro extirpation plan suit the Negro bolter so well that they want their race to join the party which is responsible for it?—*Globe Democrat*.

The Negro Democrats are hunting money and we hope to have some one buy their influence which is not worth buying.

Scotch Sabbath Observance.

Sir Archibald Geikie's examples of the rigid Sabbatarianism of the Highlands are interesting. One is of a lady who rose early on Sunday, and carried her canary down into the cellar to keep the bird quiet. Another is of a young clergyman whose orthodoxy was suspected because he was seen standing at his window on the Lord's Day "dandling his bairn." A third story was told by the late Lord Playfair, who heard the nurse quieting his little boy one Sunday in this wise: "Whist, whist, my bonnie lamb; it's the Sabbath, or I wud whistle ye a sang, but I'll sing ye a paraphrase."

Star of Immense Magnitude.

The conception of the magnitude of the star Canopus, which is regarded as the greatest body in the universe, is difficult indeed, even when Mr. Gore of the Royal Astronomical society furnishes the sun as a step by which the imagination may raise itself. One has some appreciation of the size of the earth with its circumference of 25,000 miles. The sun is more than a million times as large as the earth. The mass of Canopus has been weighed astronomically and found to be one million times greater than that of the sun.

No Use For Anything Russian.

The Japanese actor, Kawakami, once played at St. Petersburg and had made such a good impression that the czar gave him a gold watch. The other day in Tokio a pickpocket stole this watch, but when he found the czar's portrait engraved on it he returned it to the owner. "Even our pickpockets," a Japanese journalist comments, "have no use for anything that is Russian."

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